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Security Council

10 a.m. Consultations of the whole (closed) . . . . . Consultations Room

UNMIL

Liberia (sanctions review)

Other matters

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

General Committee

10 a.m. Informal briefing[1] . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Informal briefing to hear Mr. Ibrahim Gambari, Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa, on the implementation of the New Agenda for Africa's Development (NEPAD)

Morning[2] 4th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Organization of work of the fifty-eighth regular session of the General Assembly, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items [8]: question of the Comorian Island of Mayotte

11.30 a.m. 58th plenary meeting . . . . . *General Assembly Hall*

1. Assistance in mine action: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/260 and A/58/260/Add.1) . . . . . [22]
2. Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/392) [20]

[1] Open to all delegations.

[2] Immediately following the adjournment of the informal briefing.

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Main Committees

First Committee

3–4.30 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80):

Documents of the First Committee: *item 73* (A/58/117, A/58/117/Add.1, A/58/117/Add.2, A/58/129, A/58/129/Add.1, A/58/130, A/58/138, A/58/162, A/58/162/Add.1, A/58/176, A/58/176/Add.1, A/58/207, A/58/208, A/58/208/Add.1, A/58/406, A/58/848, A/C.1/58/4, A/C.1/58/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.1/58/L.56) (other documents: A/C.1/58/1, A/C.1/58/2, A/C.1/58/3, A/C.1/58/3/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1, A/C.1/58/INF.1/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2*, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.1, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.2, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.3, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.4, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.5, A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.6 and A/C.1/58/INF.2/Add.7)

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 20th meeting Conference Room 2

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/58/155, A/58/156, A/58/263, A/58/264, A/58/310, A/58/311, A/C.4/58/L.17, A/C.4/58/L.18, A/C.4/58/L.19, A/C.4/58/L.20 and A/C.4/58/L.21) [84]

General debate

Second Committee

10 a.m. 27th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [93]

   (a) Women in development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.27

2. Environment and sustainable development [94]

   (a) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.26

   (e) International strategy for disaster reduction

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.25

3. Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

   (a) International trade and development (A/58/15 (Part I), A/58/15 (Part II), A/58/15 (Part III), A/58/15 (Part IV), A/58/15 (Part V), A/58/154, A/58/204, A/58/301, A/58/414 and A/C.2/58/9)

(g) Commodities (A/58/204 and A/58/401)

Continuation and conclusion of the general debate

4. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly (A/58/8 (Suppl. No. 8), A/58/178 and A/58/204) [101]

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 4

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden) on: A/C.2/58/L.23 (item 12); A/C.2/58/L.27 (item 93 (a)); and A/C.2/58/L.24 (item 97 (b))

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Ms. Irena Zubčevic (Croatia) on: A/C.2/58/L.26 (item 94 (a)); and A/C.2/58/L.25 (item 94 (e))

3–4.30 p.m. 28th meeting Conference Room 4

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (A/58/86-E/2003/81, A/58/436 and A/58/437) [102]

Introduction and general discussion

[1] Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Second Committee.

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 34th meeting Conference Room 1

1. Advancement of Women [110]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1, A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1/Corr.1 and A/C.3/58/L.18

2. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.11

3. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [113]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/58/L.24

3 p.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [117]

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments (A/58/326, A/58/350, A/58/221, A/58/307, A/58/40 (Suppl.), A/58/44 (Suppl.), A/58/306, A/58/284 and A/58/120)

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Introductory statement and general discussion

Fifth Committee

9.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
2.30–4.45 p.m.	Informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
	Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005: Part I Overall policy-making, direction and coordination (A/58/6 (Sect. 2)); Part II Political affairs (A/58/6 (Sect. 3), (A/58/6 (Sect. 3)/Corr.1, A/58/6 (Sect. 4), A/58/6 (Sect. 5) and A/58/6 (Sect. 6)); and Part III International justice and law (A/58/6 (Sect. 7), A/58/6 (Sect. 8), A/58/6/Corr.1, A/58/7, A/58/7/Corr.1 and A/58/16))	

Sixth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3
	Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-fifth session (A/58/10)	[152]
	Action on draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.25	
	Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization (A/58/33, A/58/346, A/58/347 and A/C.6/58/L.21)	[155]
	Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/58/L.17 and A/C.6/58/L.18	
	International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings (A/58/73 and A/C.6/58/L.9)	[158]
	Action on draft resolutions A/C.6/58/L.2 and A/C.6/58/L.8	
	Election of the officers of the Main Committees	[5]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3–6 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 10
	1. Draft reports	
	2. United Nations Institute for Training and Research	

Disarmament Commission
2003 organizational session

10 a.m.–1 p.m.	256th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Second Committee *Informal "informals"*

There will be informal "informals" of the Second Committee on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.10, A/C.2/58/L.7, A/C.2/58/L.15, A/C.2/58/L.8 and A/C.2/58/L.12, organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia, *today*, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

There will be informal "informals" of the Second Committee on draft resolutions A/C.2/58/L.9, A/C.2/58/L.11, A/C.2/58/L.14 and A/C.2/58/L.13, organized by the Permanent Mission of Croatia, *today*, 6 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Room C-209A.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

10 a.m.–12 noon Informal consultations Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Rewaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations.

Other meetings

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Thursday, 6 November 2003

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: partnerships, water, and sustainable mountain development issues)*

9.15–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda item 102, and draft resolution on microcredit)*

11.15 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Second Committee: agenda item 94 (a))*

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(briefing by the Chairman of the G-77 Chamber of Commerce and Industry)*

2–3 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(Fifth Committee matters)*

5.15–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Disarmament

9.15–10.15 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Non-Aligned Movement *(on the draft resolution related to the question of Palestine) (at the experts level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room A

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room D

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the incompatibility between democracy and racism (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room C

Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 6

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on elimination of all forms of religious intolerance (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Ireland)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 1

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Programme of Action for the International Year of Microcredit, 2005" (A/C.2/58/L.3) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

2–5 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room 3

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on Human rights and Mass Exoduses (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Canada)

3–6 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room 6

Meeting of interested delegations on the draft resolution entitled "Responding to global threats and challenges" (A/58/L.7) (agenda item 60) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation)

3.30–5 p.m. Informal consultations Conference Room 7

UNITAR briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea of the Office of Legal Affairs are jointly organizing a briefing on "Developments in Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea". The briefing, to be conducted in English, will continue *today*, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. For further information, please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta at UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684 or 963-9196).

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 6 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

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Room S-226

10.30 a.m. . . . . Mr. R.E. Turner, Chairman of the United Nations Foundation (UNF); and Mr. Timothy E. Wirth, President of the Foundation (to brief on the Foundation's Board of Directors meeting and to introduce new initiatives)

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Fifth Committee The Fifth Committee will hold its 17th meeting on Friday, 7 November 2003, at 9.30 a.m. in the General Assembly Hall. Informal consultations (closed) will also be held at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Second Committee

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on "Globalization" on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Iftekhar Chowdhury (Bangladesh), Chairman of the Second Committee. Presentations will be made by Professor Paul Krugman, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; Professor Jagdish Bhagwati, Arthur Lehman Professor of Economics, Columbia University; Dr. Manuel Orozco, Project Director of Central America for the Inter-American Dialogue; and Mr. Jean Pierre Ouedraogo, Ligue des Consommateurs du Burkina Faso.

Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of accredited non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information please contact the Division for ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-4201; or e-mail ecosocinfo@un.org).

Third Committee

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows:

Under agenda item 117:

Monday, 10 November 2003, at 3 p.m.: Ms. Hina Jilani (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders); Mr. Peter Leuprecht (Special Representative of the Secretary-General for human rights in Cambodia); and Ms. Gabriela Rodriguez Pizarro (Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants);

Tuesday, 11 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on freedom of religion or belief); Mr. Theo van Boven (Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment); and Mr. Francis Deng (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on internally displaced persons); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Jean Ziegler (Special Rapporteur on the right to food); Mr. Paul Hunt (Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health); and Ms. Yakin Ertürk (Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences); and

Wednesday, 12 November, at 10 a.m.: Mr. Paulo Sérgio Pinheiro (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar); Ms. Marie-Thérèse Aïssata Kéïta-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Burundi); and Ms. Iulia Motoc (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); *at 3 p.m.*: Mr. Andreas Mavrommatis (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Iraq); and Mr. John Dugard (Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for dialogue, questions and comments. All interested members of the Committee are invited to participate.

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance)

Informal consultations (closed) on draft proposals under agenda item 40, chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit (Luxembourg), will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations under agenda item 47 (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Follow up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS" (agenda item 47), organized under the auspices of the Office of the President of the General Assembly and facilitated by H.E. Mr. Denis Dangue Réwaka, Permanent Representative of Gabon to the United Nations, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Informal consultations on agenda item 52 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 52 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

The 275th meeting of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People will be held on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, at 10.30 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Economic and Social Council

United Nations Children's Fund

Executive Board

Extraordinary budget session for 2003

The extraordinary budget session of the Executive Board of UNICEF will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 December 2003, in Conference Room 2. The provisional annotated agenda and organization of work are contained in document E/ICEF/2003/14. Advance copies of the documents for the session are available on the UNICEF Web site (www.unicef.org/about/execboard/index_15100.html).

Delegations are requested to fax their credentials to the Office of the Secretary of the Executive Board of UNICEF (fax 1 (212) 326-7096) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, 21 November 2003.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)" (A/C.2/58/L.4) (agenda item 98), organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "External debt crisis and development" (A/C.2/58/L.18) (agenda item 91(e)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala)

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "External debt crisis and development" (A/C.2/58/L.18) (agenda item 91(e)), organized by the Permanent Mission of Guatemala, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Room C-209A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Towards global partnership" (agenda item 46), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 7.

Informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

There will be informal "informal" consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin" (A/C.2/58/L.2) (agenda item 92), organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended meeting of the follow-up mechanism of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies

There will be an open-ended meeting of the follow-up mechanism of the International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, chaired by H.E. Mr. Luvsan Erdenechuluun, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia, President of the Fifth International Conference of New or Restored Democracies, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin)

Informal consultations on draft resolutions on the preparation for and observance of the International Year of the Family and on the importance of the guidance and the role of parents in the care, control and development of children (under agenda item 106), organized by the Permanent Mission of Benin, will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Informal "informal" consultations with interested delegations on the date of the meeting of the United Nations Forum on Forests ad hoc expert group on consideration with a view to recommending the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests

There will be informal "informal" consultations with interested delegations on the date of the meeting of the United Nations Forum on Forests ad hoc expert group on consideration with a view to recommending the parameters of a mandate for developing a legal framework on all types of forests, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development (agenda item 96) (Second Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan)

Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution on the Decade of the Education for Sustainable Development (agenda item 96) (Second Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Japan, will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 5 to 6.15 p.m., in Conference Room E.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia)

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on the right to development (agenda item 117 (b)) (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Malaysia, on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "The right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health", organized by the Permanent Mission of Brazil, will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Rights of the child" (Third Committee), organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy (on behalf of the European Union) and the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, will be held on Friday, 7 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Dialogue with Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders

The Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), in cooperation with the International Service for Human Rights, will hold a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on Human Rights Defenders, Ms. Hina Jilani, on Monday, 10 November 2003, from 1 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Kindly refer to document A/58/380 for Ms. Jilani's latest report to the General Assembly. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Symposia on population and development

The symposia on population and development, organized by the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States and the Office of the Permanent Observer of Partners in Population and Development to the United Nations, will continue at Headquarters, as follows:

Symposium III on "Empowerment of Women": Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 5.30 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Symposium IV on "Population and HIV/AIDS": Wednesday, 19 November, from 4 to 6 p.m., in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend [For further information: tel. 1 (212) 457-1828; e-mail rgarvey@ppdsec.org].

UNITAR Briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The briefing is intended primarily for representatives of those States that will be members of the Council in 2004. Depending on the availability of seats, delegates from other States may attend as observers. The briefing will be held on the following dates: Monday, 10 November 2003, from 3 to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 11 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, 13 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Second Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11, 18 and 26 November 2003, in Conference Room 9; 2 December, in Conference Room 9; and 9 December, in Conference Room A.

JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)*

There will be meetings of the JUSCANZ Group *(on Third Committee matters)* from 9 to 9.45 a.m., as follows: 11 November 2003, in Conference Room B; and from 17 to 21 November, in Conference Room D.

ILO briefing on international migration

Mr. Patrick Taran, ILO Senior Migration Specialist, will make a presentation on "International Labour Conference 2004: The Next World Conference on Migration – Governance, Rights and Regulation of International Migration", on Tuesday, 11 November 2003, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 9. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Ana Maria Hermoso (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 106).

Seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches" (organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University)

There will be a seminar on "Improving the Role of the United Nations in Environmental Governance – National and Regional Approaches", organized by the New York Office of the United Nations University, on Friday, 14 November 2003, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the UNU New York Office (Web site www.ony.unu.edu; email unuona@ony.unu.edu; or tel. 1 (212) 963 6387) [Registration on line at www.ony.unu.edu/unuseminarregistration.htm].

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the *Human Development Report 2004* will be held on Monday, 17 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

There will be an informal consultation on the UNIFEM multi-year funding framework 2004-2007 on Tuesday, 18 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

Training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities

A training session for all permanent missions in the use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for United Nations activities, organized by the Permanent Mission of Andorra, under the auspices of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics, will be held on Wednesday, 19 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 8.

UNITAR Workshop Series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology

As part of the series on Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology, the third and final high-level seminar of this year on "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 21 November 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. This interactive seminar is primarily aimed at ambassadors and other diplomats. However, all interested staff members as well as representatives of non-governmental organizations are welcome to attend.

This is the second year of the series, presented under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics, and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation. For further information please contact Ms. Nicole Valenta (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from *today*, 6 November 2003, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Summary of meetings

Wednesday, 5 November 2003

General Assembly

Fifty-eighth session

56th plenary meeting

Global road safety crisis: draft resolution (A/58/L.3/Rev.1) [160]

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.3/Rev.1 (resolution 58/9).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 160.

Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic [27]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/265)

(b) Draft resolution (A/58/L.12)

The representative of Argentina, also on behalf of Angola, Benin, Brazil, Cape Verde, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gabon, Ghana, Liberia, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Togo and Uruguay, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/58/L.12.

The representative of Nigeria made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/58/L.12 (resolution 58/10).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 27.

Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [32]

The General Assembly decided to defer consideration of this item and to include it in the provisional agenda of the fifty-ninth session.

Assistance in the mine action: reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/260 and A/58/260/Add.1) [22]

Statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Peru, Norway, Australia, Switzerland, Tunisia, Kenya, Ukraine, Japan, Canada, the Republic of Korea, Lebanon, Belarus and New Zealand, as well as by H.E. Mr. Muhammad Nasir Khan, Minister for Health of Pakistan, and the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Nicaragua (on behalf of the Central American States).

The representatives of Israel and Lebanon made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

57th plenary meeting

Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/58/108) [17 (h)]

Since there were two candidates for one vacancy from among the Asian States, the General Assembly proceeded to select by secret ballot one State from the Asian States that, in accordance with article 3, paragraph 1, of the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, would be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The results of the first round of balloting were as follows:

	Votes
Japan	101
Pakistan	82

On the first round of balloting Japan was selected to be requested to propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit.

The President announced that he would propose a candidate for appointment to the Joint Inspection Unit after holding the consultations in accordance with article 3, paragraph 2, of the Statute of the Joint Inspection Unit.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 17.

Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new restored democracies: report of the Secretary-General (A/58/392) [20]

Statements were made by H.E. Mr. Erdenechuluun Luvsan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mongolia and President of the Fifth International Conference on New and Restored Democracies, as well as by the representatives of Qatar, Benin, Peru (on behalf of the Rio Group), Italy (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Malaysia, Kenya, Bangladesh, Yemen, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Thailand, Kazahkstan and Cuba.

Main Committees

First Committee

22nd meeting

The Committee continued its third phase of work, namely, action on all draft resolutions/decisions submitted under disarmament and international security agenda items (items 62-80).

The Chairman made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Thailand, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Côte d'Ivoire, Pakistan and Gabon.

In explanation of vote before the vote the representatives of India and Pakistan made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/15/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft decision A/C.1/58/L.61 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of Cuba, Brazil and the Islamic Republic of Iran made statements.

Draft resolution A/C.1/58/L.26/Rev.1 was adopted by a recorded vote of 104 to 10, with 44 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, the representatives of Switzerland, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Canada and Australia made statements.

The representatives of Cuba, South Africa, Haiti and the United States made statements.

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

19th meeting

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [84]

The Committee began its general debate on this agenda item with introduction of the report (A/58/310) by the representative of Sri Lanka, Chairman of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

The Committee then heard statements from the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon, Jordan, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, Algeria, Egypt, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Indonesia, Tunisia, Qatar, the United States and the Sudan.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close its list of speakers in the general debate on item 84 on the same day, at 6 p.m.

Second Committee

25th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) International trade and development

(g) Commodities

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 91 (a) and (g), and heard statements by the representatives of Benin, Croatia, Thailand, Mozambique and Burkina Faso.

The observer for the Holy See made a statement.

26th meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.23

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China and Mexico.

Operational activities for development [97]

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/58/L.24

The representative of Morocco introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Macroeconomic policy questions [91]

(a) International trade and development

(g) Commodities

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-items 91 (a) and (g) and heard statements by the representatives of the Republic of the Congo, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Guyana (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Mali, Belarus, the United States, Singapore (on behalf of ASEAN), Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Belize and Indonesia.

Third Committee

33rd meeting

The summary of the 33rd meeting of the Third Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2003/215).

Fifth Committee

16th meeting

United Nations common system (A/58/30) [126]

The Committee continued its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives Japan and Nigeria.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission replied to questions raised.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would conclude its general discussion on this item on Monday, 10 November 2003, in the morning.

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Report of the Secretary-General on the proposed programme budget for the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO for the biennium 2004-2005

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/58/6 (Sect. 13) and A/58/6 (Sect. 13)/Add.1).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.7).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [120]

Salary and retirement allowance of the Secretary-General and salary and pensionable remuneration of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (A/58/7/Add.3)

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/7/Add.3).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would begin on Monday, 10 November 2003, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Guillermo Kendal (Argentina).

Admission of the International Criminal Court to membership in the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund [166]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Fund introduced the note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/58/13).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/58/545).

In the absence of speakers, the Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this item would begin on Monday, 10 November 2003, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Guillermo Kendal (Argentina).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Sixth Committee

22nd meeting

Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [153]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 153.

The Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/58/26) and the draft resolution contained in document A/C.6/58/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Malaysia, Italy (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Sierra Leone and the United States.

It was announced that Spain had joined the list of sponsors for draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.23.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.23, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [156]

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 156.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement on the budgetary implications of draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.19.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/58/L.19, as orally revised at its 20th meeting, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Seventy-ninth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

Wednesday, 5 November 2003

2161st meeting (closed)

The Committee adopted the concluding observations on Equatorial Guinea (non-reporting State party).

2162nd meeting (closed)

The Committee adopted the provisional concluding observations on the second periodic report of Latvia.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Convention against the taking of hostages. New York, 17 December 1979

Ratification: Uganda (5 November 2003)[1]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of Crimes against Internationally Protected Persons, including Diplomatic Agents. New York, 14 December 1973

Accession: Uganda (5 November 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Ratification: Uganda (5 November 2003)[1]

International Convention for the Suppression of the Financing of Terrorism. New York, 9 December 1999

Ratification: Uganda (5 November 2003)[1]

United Nations Convention Against Corruption. New York, 31 October 2003

Opening for signature

The above Convention was adopted on 31 October 2003, during the plenary meeting of the General Assembly at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The Convention will be open for signature from 9 to 11 December 2003 at the "Centro de Convenciones y Exposiciones Yucatán Siglo XXI" in Mérida, Mexico, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 9 December 2005 by all States and by regional economic integration organizations, provided that at least one Member State of such organization is a signatory to the Convention.

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under the established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign a treaty on behalf of a State without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives wishing to sign a treaty must be in the possession of appropriate full powers, which expressly authorize signature of a specified treaty by a named representative issued and signed by one of these authorities. Full powers are distinct from credentials. Credentials alone are not adequate for the purpose of signing a treaty.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if States wishing to sign the Convention could, as necessary, provide copies of the required full powers by *4 December 2003* to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Original instruments of full powers should be provided to the depositary representative at the signature ceremony.

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

Other announcements

DPI/NGO briefing

This week, the topic of the DPI/NGO briefing will be "After Cancún: New Opportunities?" The briefing will be held *today*, 6 November 2003, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Tala Dowlatshahi, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

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Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on 5 November 2003.

Symbol	Main title
General Assembly	**Official Documents**
	Fifty-eighth session
A/58/PV.17	Meeting held on 30 September 2003, 10 a.m. [C]
A/58/PV.18	Meeting held on 30 September 2003, 3 p.m. [C]
A/58/PV.19	Meeting held on 1 October 2003, 10 a.m. [C]
A/58/PV.20	Meeting held on 1 October 2003, 3 p.m. [E]
A/58/251/Corr.1*	Reissued for technical reasons [S (only)]
A/58/252/Corr.1**	Reissued for technical reasons [S (only)]
General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/58/366	Item 133 of the provisional agenda — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — Comprehensive report on the progress made by the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda in reforming its legal aid system — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/430	Item 25 — University for Peace — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/480	Item 19 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Chapters of the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples relating to specific Territories not covered by other agenda items — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/58/541-S/2003/1049	Items 117 (a) and (b) — Human rights questions: implementation of human rights instruments; human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Letter dated 27 October 2003 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.2/Add.1	Item 23 (b) — Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education — 85-Power draft resolution — Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace [A C E F R S]
A/58/L.9/Add.1	Item 23 (a) — Sport for peace and development: building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic ideal — 162-Power draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/58/L.13 Item 44 — Culture of peace — Philippines: draft resolution — Interreligious dialogue and cooperation [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/58/L.26/Rev.1 Item 73 (f) — General and complete disarmament: promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation — Malaysia: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/L.61 Item 73 (e) — General and complete disarmament: convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament — Malaysia: draft decision [A C E F R S]

A/C.1/58/INF/2/Add.6 Information note by the Secretariat — Additional co-sponsors of draft resolutions/decisions [E only]

Second Committee

A/C.2/58/11 Item 97 — Operational activities for development — Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council — Progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution 56/201 on the triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system [A C E F R S]

Third Committee

A/C.3/58/L.17/Rev.1/Corr.1

Item 110 — Advancement of women — 79-Power revised draft resolution — Women and political participation [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.31 Item 116 — Right of peoples to self-determination — 33-Power draft resolution — Universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.32 Item 116 — Right of peoples to self-determination — 27-Power draft resolution — Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination [A C E F R S]

A/C.3/58/L.35 Item 116 — Right of peoples to self-determination — 52-Power draft resolution — The right of the Palestinian people to self-determination [A C E F R S]

International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and international Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation

A/CONF.202/3 Report of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and international Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation [A C E F R S]

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